

Technical assistance from China for revival of ECL

†1834. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received a proposal from Government of China to provide technical assistance for the revival of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Question does not arise.

Supply of quality coal to NTPC, Kahalgaon

†1835. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) The category of coal and the quantity purchased every year by NTPC, Kahalgaon;
- (b) The grade of coal supplied by ECL, Lalmatia, Jharkhand mines to NTPC Kahalgaon alongwith its annual quantity;
- (c) whether NTPC, Kahalgaon have requested for supply of high quality coal; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for supplying substandard coal to NTPC, Kahalgaon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) NTPC, Kahalgaon purchases coal from different collieries/coalfields of ECL, including Lalmatia, which is in Rajmahal Open Cast Project, Located in state of Jharkhand. The grade wise & field wise despatch to Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station from Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) sources during the last three years are as under:

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(Figure in '000 tonnes)

Year	Rajmahal Grade-F	Raniganj Grade-B & C	Mugma Grade- C, D & E	Total
1998-1999	3370	0	37	3407
1999-2000	3274	98	187	3559
2000-2001	3931	166	242	4339

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. NTPC, Kahalgaon is a pit-head power station designed to use low grade coal of Rajmahal project and had been granted linkage from there. NTPC, Kahalgaon has requested for supply of additional quantity of coal from Raniganj/Asansol coalfield to meet their requirement due to higher consumption and generation.

Rationalisation of officers and staff strength at CIL Offices

1836. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken steps for the rationalisation of officers and other staff strength at various offices of Coal India Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the target fixed for the proposed rationalisation is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has introduced the Voluntary Retirement Scheme in E.C.L. and B.C.L. in 1997-98 and C.C.L. in 2000-01 for